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THE NEW NAVY NURSE CORPS SUPERINTENDENT

DEAR EDITOR: It becomes my pleasant duty to introduce to the readers of the JOURNAL, Mrs. Lenah Sutcliffe Higbie, my successor as superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps.

Mrs. Higbie was born in Bradford, England, although her father, a Church of England clergyman, had long been identified with church work in Canada and most of her early years were spent in the Dominion.

Mrs. Higbie, or Miss Lenah Sutcliffe as she was then, was graduated from Hamilton College with the degree of Master of Liberal Arts. The course was a two years' one, and upon its completion she decided to enter Toronto University with the intention of winning the B.A. degree and later on studying medicine. A nervous breakdown necessitated her leaving the university before the completion of the four years' course. Upon her restoration to health she decided to take the profession of nursing, and early in 1899 she was graduated from the training school in connection with the Post-Graduate Hospital of New York City. Soon afterwards she married Major John H. Higbie of the Marine Corps and disappeared from the nursing world for some years. After his death she decided to return to the profession, and with this end in view entered upon the post-graduate course at Bellevue and Allied Hospitals. Upon its completion she made application for appointment in the nurse corps of the navy and reported for duty early in October, 1908. She had already taken out her registration papers in the state of New York.

Early in the summer of 1909, Mrs. Higbie was selected for the position of chief nurse of the Naval Hospital at Norfolk, Va., and her work at this important station was exceptionally fine; by its excellence she has fairly won the position which she now holds, and my sincere wish for her is that she will not only be able to put into effect all of the things which I had planned with such careful thought but was never able to bring about, but many far better things of her own planning.

As she is an extremely tactful woman, with a most pleasing personality, I hope some day to see the finished structure rise from the cornerstone which it has been my privilege to lay.

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